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Re the Application of

Satoru WAKUTA et al.

Group Art Unit: 3618

Application No.: 10/629,743

Examiner: J. WALTERS

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Docket No.: 116282

For: HYBRID DRIVE SYSTEM AND VEHICLE
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**LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

☒ Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached Information Disclosure Statement.

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 188188 in the amount of ☒ \$790.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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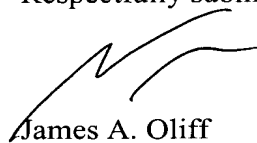
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 3. An English language Abstract of one or more non-English language reference is attached hereto. See References 2 and 3.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 3.

- ☒ 5. Reference 1 corresponds to reference 2.

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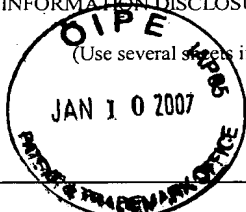
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	1	6,886,648 B1	05/03/2005	HATA ET AL.			
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